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## Veterans' Affairs Committee MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Veterans' Affairs Committee was called to order by C. Martin Stevens, Chairperson, on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Attorney's Main Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall, 255 W. Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona.

### 1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

#### Members Present:

Dr. Lester Potts  
William Stein  
Larry Byrd  
Norman Ross  
J.L. "Pepe" Mendoza  
Herbert Rogers  
Saul Stoltz  
C. Martin Stevens, Chairperson

#### Members Absent:

Bernard McCaffery  
Joan Shadwick  
George Bowens  
Rose Anderson  
Aaron Possien  
Paul R. Hetrick  
E. Wendell Hague

#### Others Present:

PFC Chris Swenson  
Ernie Minchella

#### Representing:

American Legion Post #36  
DAV Auxiliary Cactus #2  
Esperanza En Escalante  
Korean War Veterans' Association  
So. AZ. VA Health Care System  
Spanish Trail Chapter NCOA  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans  
Veteran's Employment & Training

#### Representing:

American Legion Post #73  
AZ Department of Veterans Services  
DAV Cactus Chapter #2  
Esperanza En Escalante  
The Order of the Silver Rose  
Vietnam Veterans of America, CH. 106  
VFW Post #549

US Army Garrison, Ft. Huachuca  
American Legion Post #36

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Stein.

### 3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Dr. Lester Potts.

**4. Introduction of Guests**

Ernie Minchella, of the American Legion Post #36, was introduced to the committee.

**5. Approval of New Members**

No new members were considered.

**6. Chairman's Report on Current Events**

Chair Stevens announced there would be a special presentation of a belated Bronze Star, initiated by Senator McCain, at Ft. Huachuca on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Many dignitaries were expected to be present and Norman Ross would be attending to represent the committee.

Chair Stevens reported that the 2007 Operation Exodus list was in the submission process for preparation of certificates to participants.

**7. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2008**

It was moved, duly seconded and passed by a voice vote of 8 to 0 (Bernard McCaffery, Joan Shadwick, George Bowens, Rose Anderson, Aaron Possien, Paul R. Hetrick and E. Wendell Hague, absent/excused) to approve the minutes of January 9, 2008 as presented.

**8. Recruitment of Organizations**

No report was given.

**9. Discussion / Action for the Four Chaplains Ceremony**

Chair Stevens reported the plans for the Four Chaplains Ceremony were still in progress and he would be in contact with Chaplain Zinck for further details. The tentative date for the Ceremony was Sunday, April 27, 2008.

**10. Discussion / Action Regarding the Addition / Replacement of an Alternate Signer to the Committee Checking Account**

It was moved, duly seconded and passed by a voice vote of 8 to 0 (Bernard McCaffery, Joan Shadwick, George Bowens, Rose Anderson, Aaron Possien, Paul R. Hetrick and E. Wendell Hague, absent/excused) to add C.M. Stevens as an additional signer to the Committee checking account to replace Donald Alff.

**11. Discussion/Action Concerning the Use of Veterans' Affairs Committee Stationary for Raising Funds for a Carillon at the Sierra Vista Location of the National Veterans Cemetery.**

Norman Ross reported that half the needed matching funds for a carillon at the Sierra Vista National Veterans Cemetery had been raised, but about eighteen thousand dollars was still needed. The committee agreed it was in support of the project but that the strong Sierra Vista Veterans entity should do the fund raising.

**12. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action**

**a. Airport Military Lounge**

PFC Chris Swenson provided a monthly Military Liaison Utilization Report for December, 2007. She said she would provide an inventory of Military Lounge items and a list of the 2007 Operation Exodus Volunteers who worked at the Lounge by e-mail to the Committee.

**b. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**

Joan Shadwick could not be in attendance, so no report was given. The request to have an additional representative from the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services was still pending.

**c. V A Hospital**

Pepe Mendoza reported Telemundo TV would be covering a special salute to Veterans. He said the 60 minutes special on Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom would also be carried on the WorldWide TV Network.

**d. Arizona Veterans' Employment Services**

No report was given.

**e. Financial Report**

Wendall Hague could not be in attendance, so no report was given.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

- Cheryll Frazier of the Veterans Administration would come in March to provide information on available programs

**14. Salute to Colors**

The Salute to Colors was led by Chair Stevens.

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.